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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sirs:

Re: Docket Numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

I am so greatly concerned about the dangers of diseases from contaminated eggs, that I have stopped eating eggs. In addition, I am shocked that the U.S. subjects laying chickens to cruelty of extended starvation and -water deprivation in order to increase egg production.

- Forced molting should be prohibited-it has already been scientifically proven to destroy the hens' immune system, thereby promoting disease
- Just putting Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating refrigeration temperatures IS NOT ENOUGH!
- FDA has the power to ban practices that injure human health
- Forced molting must be **BANNED** because it causes diseases in hens, their eggs, and people who eat the eggs.
- *CRUELTY and CONTAMINATION are LINKED*
- FDA should grant the April 1998 petition to ban forced molting **now**

Government needs to wake-up, and start listening to the citizens.

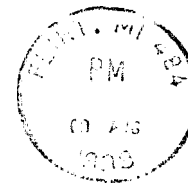
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Thank you.

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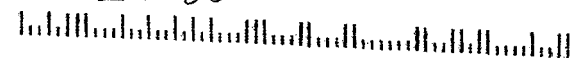
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